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¶1. (C) POLCOUNS on April 19 raised reftel points with Rashed Al-Hajiri, Acting Deputy Director of MFA's Asia and Africa Department. In delivering the demarche, POLCOUNS urged the GOK to press Iran to show flexibility and seize the opportunity for a discussion with the E3 3 Political Directors and also to consider the possibility of making public expressions of support for the E3 3 approach.

¶2. (C) Hajiri, in response, offered only the GOK's boilerplate position on Iran's nuclear program, which is to say the GOK "supports dialogue and peaceful negotiations." Hajiri assured POLCOUNS that he would convey our message up MFA's chain of command.

¶3. (C) Comment: The GOK is deeply worried about Iran's nuclear program and has consistently argued for patient dialogue rather than belligerent action to rein the Iranians in. We believe it is likely the GOK will support the suggested P3 3 approach as one of many possible avenues of dialogue. We will continue to plumb MFA interlocutors on their response.

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